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IN THE NEWS:

Unhealthy Food at Children's Hospitals

The [New York Times](#) reports today on a study by researchers from UCLA and the RAND Corp. showing that less than 10 percent of meals at California children's hospitals can be considered "healthy."

Economic Forecast for Bay Area

The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) reports today, and the [Oakland Tribune](#) reported Thursday, on an economic forecast for the San Francisco Bay Area co-produced by the UCLA Anderson Forecast. Jerry Nickelsburg, a senior economist with the Forecast, was quoted in the Tribune.

Fighting Childhood Obesity

An article in today's [New York Times](#) about a decrease in the number of obese children in New York City cites a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research tracking county-by-county childhood obesity rates in California.

Fitness for People With Disabilities

An article in Wednesday's [Los Angeles Daily News](#) about exercise options for people with disabilities cited UCLA Recreation's adaptive exercise programs. Mark Suarkeo, a prosthetist and orthotist with the UCLA Health System's rehabilitation services, was quoted.

Exploring L.A.'s Chicano Art Heritage

A [Los Angeles Times](#) blog on Thursday reviewed "Mapping Another L.A.: The Chicano Art Movement," an exhibition at the Fowler Museum at UCLA that is part of "L.A. Xicano," a series of art exhibitions organized by UCLA's Chicano Studies Research Center exploring the contributions of artists of Mexican descent to the Los Angeles art scene since 1945.

UCLA a Top School for Korean Studies

An article in Thursday's [Korea Herald](#) profiling an award-winning Korean linguist highlighted UCLA as one of five universities in the U.S. currently offering a degree program in Korean studies and cited John Duncan, professor of Asian languages and cultures and director of the UCLA Center for Korean Studies.

'Quilts of Valor' Helps Operation Mend

The [Los Angeles Daily News](#) reported Thursday on volunteers who sew quilts for UCLA's Operation Mend, which provides free reconstructive surgery to military personnel severely wounded and disfigured during service in Afghanistan and Iraq. Patti Taylor, a lecturer at the UCLA School of Nursing and a quilting volunteer, was quoted; Dr. Timothy Miller, chief of plastic surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and executive director of Operation Mend, was cited.

Wage Theft and the 'Shadow Economy'

The [New York Times](#) today highlights a study by researchers at UCLA's Institute for Research on Labor and Employment and colleagues that found that low-wage workers in major U.S. cities are routinely paid less than the legal minimum wage and denied overtime pay.

UCLA Anderson Goes Paperless

The [Wall Street Journal](#) reports today the UCLA Anderson School of Management has switched from paper to

electronic applications for its M.B.A. program. Craig Hubbell, an associate admissions director at UCLA Anderson, and Rob Weiler, UCLA Anderson's interim director of admissions, are quoted.

Top 10 Archaeological Discoveries of the Year

Research conducted by Charles Stanish, director of UCLA's Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, showing that warfare likely sparked the development of the first civilization in the Titicaca basin of southern Peru some 2,000 years ago, is highlighted as one of the top 10 discoveries of 2011 in the January–February issue of [Archaeology](#) magazine.

Delving Into the Mystery of Autism

Psychologist Pegeen Cronin, director of the UCLA Autism Evaluation Clinic, was interviewed Sunday for a KTLA-Channel 5 story exploring the possible reasons behind the spike in autism diagnoses over the past generation.

UCLA Surgeon Honored by ACS

The [Examiner](#) reports today that Dr. Erik Fonkalsurd, UCLA professor emeritus of pediatric surgery, was recently honored by the American College of Surgeons for his work and research over the past 50 years.

QUOTABLE:

John Rogers

Rogers, director of UCLA's Institute for Democracy, Education and Access and an associate professor of education, is quoted today in a [Times Educational Supplement](#) article about a new California law giving parents greater power to intervene in the running of public schools.

Thomas Sabol

Sabol, adjunct professor of civil and environmental engineering at the UCLA Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science, is quoted today in a [Los Angeles Times](#) article about the closure of a Los Angeles freeway after a tanker truck explosion.

Eugene Volokh

Volokh, the Gary T. Schwartz Professor of Law at the UCLA School of Law, is quoted today in a [New York Times](#) article about the dismissal of a criminal case against a man accused of "stalking" a religious leader on Twitter.
